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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson, Crete, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

July 8, 2007

Honorable Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Shipley:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-235, filed in my office on July 8, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1:00 p.m. on July 9, 2007.

A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been delivered today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires the State to provide pension benefits to members of State-sponsored retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois sponsors a retirement plan on behalf of State university employees; and

WHEREAS, State university employees, retirees and their families rely on the security provided by pension benefits to meet their needs, including food, housing and healthcare after retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the State Universities Retirement System's (SURS) mission to provide for annuitants, participants and their employers, in accordance with State law, the best and most cost-effective benefit administration services in the United States; to manage and invest the fund's assets prudently; and to endeavor to achieve and maintain a financially sound retirement system; and

WHEREAS, pensions managed and administered by SURS are under-funded, and the General Assembly has not passed any measures that address such under-funding; and

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' Division of Medical Programs assists sexual assault victims; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has passed, and I have signed, a temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for grants to provide assistance to sexual assault victims and for sexual assault prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for grants administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide assistance to sexual assault victims and for sexual assault prevention activities;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 9, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the funding of the State Universities Retirement System as well as funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2008 for grants administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide assistance to sexual assault victims and for sexual assault prevention activities.

s/Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor

Dated: July 8, 2007

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Link offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Sixth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Link offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Sixth Special Session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

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Senator Link offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the Sixth Special Session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Link, Senator Koehler was excused from attendance due to business in his district..

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, announced that the Pensions and Investments Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Righter, Senator Althoff was excused from attendance due to business in her district.

Senator Righter announced a Republican caucus to begin immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 1:28 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 12:30 o'clock p.m.